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### Burmaster to participate in Safe Schools Webcast

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster will be among officials participating in a monthly series of Wisconsin School Crisis Preparedness Best Practices Webcasts. The first Webcast, *Safe Schools: United We Stand*, will be held from 11:15 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 18.

The Webcast will feature presentations by Burmaster; David Steingraber, executive director, Office of Justice Assistance; Peter Pochowski, safety director, Milwaukee Public Schools; and Doug Reynolds, safety director, Beloit School District. The panelists will present information on how to form collaborative partnerships and provide background on current trends in school safety. They also will discuss a team approach to prevention, preparation, response and recovery that will promote student safety and higher academic achievement as well as reassuring parents.

The Webcast also will include discussion on current trends in school violence, fact vs. fiction; low cost best practice ideas in maintaining a safe school environment; and the Four Pillars of School Safety: forming a strong link with 911 responders, staff education and training, the gift of intuition, and the power of student partnerships. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, the Department of Health and Family Services, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and the Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness are sponsoring the Webcasts.

To join Monday's live Webcast, log on at < <http://media2.wi.gov/dpi/catalog/> > and click on *Safe Schools: United We Stand*. After Monday's webcast, a recording of the event will be available at < <http://media2.wi.gov/DPI/Catalog/Front.aspx?cid=73148366-0558-4015-a13d-c1dbc0bc4196> >.

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**WHO:** State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster

**WHAT:** Safe Schools: United We Stand Webcast

**WHEN:** 11:15 a.m. to Noon, Monday, December 18, 2006

**WHERE:** <http://media2.wi.gov/dpi/catalog/>  
Visit Student Services Prevention and Wellness  
Click on *Safe Schools: United We Stand*